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REMINDER!

Submit your abstracts to [Interprofessional.Global](https://www.interprofessional.global) by 23 February 2020 for the 10th International Conference on IPECP.

The All Together Better Health (ATBH) will be held in Qatar from 24-27 October 2020.



A warm welcome to the first AfrIPEN newsletter for 2020. The newsletters will provide information on future projects, conferences, workshops and networking. Four issues will be published per year, one for each term.

Here's to a wonderful year ahead!

AFRIPEN HOSTS A WEBINAR

Prof Jill Thistlethwaite, is a health professions education consultant and a practicing family physician affiliated with the University of Technology, Sydney (UTS) as well as the University of Queensland.



She is a renowned global researcher and expert in IPE, and will be sharing her knowledge and expertise during the webinar on Zoom. The date is confirmed as: **24 March 2020 at 15:00-16:00 South African Standard Time (SAST)**. The *title* of the talk will be: **Basics and Beyond: Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice**. Interested individuals can register at:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1xkuRFt4iAsLouqbSH8g6HcaGGyZoZoc_Tu51DLJlHYg/edit?usp=sharing

THE UNIVERSITY OF THE WESTERN CAPE DESIGNS A NEW INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE (IPECP) MODEL

The new **IPECP model at UWC** scaffolds IPE from first to final year levels through theory, integrated with opportunities to engage in IPCP in clinics and communities. IPL opportunities are extended to hospitals and community-based organisations and facilitated by supervisors. Relationship building between the interprofessional and discipline specific supervisor, the clinician or community coordinators are fundamental to

the success of a collaborative response to service delivery. Faculty development forms a critical part of this process. **Key lessons from the module:** Forming and sustaining meaningful relations with community and hospital stakeholders for IPECP, embedding IPE principles in every aspect of curriculum development from faculty staff, clinicians and community stakeholder preparation and, curricular and program planning to delivery and evaluation

processes, breaking down of silo, discipline-specific based planning to collaborative planning of interprofessional teams for clinical and community practice, effective facilitation in IPE that requires significant training with opportunities for practice and feedback and managing issues around power and hierarchy.

(by Associate Professor **Firdouza Waggie**)



OTHER NOTEWORTHY CONFERENCES

The South African Association of Health Educationalists (SAAHE) conference.
Date: **24-27 June 2020**
Venue: **Double Tree by Hilton Hotel, Cape Town.**

Workshop applications close: 2 March 2020.

Abstract submissions close: 23 March 2020. Additional details could be found on:

<https://saaheconference.co.za/>



The African Forum for Research and Education in Health

(AFREhealth) will host its 4th annual symposium.

Date: **5-7 August 2020.**

Venue: **Skylight Hotel, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.**

Abstract submission close: 25 March 2020. Additional details could be found on:

<https://afrehealth.org/>



The 3rd Annual Africa Interdisciplinary Health Conference (AfIHC)

Date: **19-21 August 2020.**

Venue: **University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, South Africa.**

Abstract submission deadline: 31 March 2020.

Abstract decision notice: 30 April 2020. Additional details could be found on:

<https://afihc.org/>



The Consortium of Longitudinal Integrated Clerkships (CLIC) annual conference. Date: **11-14 October 2020.** Venue: **Stellenbosch University, Stellenbosch, South Africa.** Abstract submission deadline: 30 April 2020. Additional details can be found on: <https://clicmeded.com/>

INSIDE STORY

MOVING AFRIPEN

FORWARD

Dr Champion N. Nyoni, Dr Elize Pietersen and Prof Gerda Reitsma report on the activities of AfriPEN and published an article in the African Health Journal titled: **Interprofessional Education and Collaborative Practice.** The article focused on the motive and need for IPECP, and the rationale for AfriPEN with some information on its working groups. The working groups included: **situational analysis group** (conducting a Africa-wide survey for the status of IPECP), **policy development group** (develops guidelines to increase the IPECP impact in Africa), **capacity building group** (associated with collaborators to develop a Continuing Interprofessional Education programme) and **impact evaluation group** (conducting an IPECP longitudinal impact study in and on Africa).

The African Health Journal is

available on: <https://africa-health.com/africa-health-journals/africa-health-january-2020/>

RECOGNITION OF EXCELLENCE

Dr Champion Nyoni from the School of Nursing at the University of the Free State was selected to receive the 2020 Emerging Nurse Researcher/Scholar Award for the Africa region. Sigma will be conferring this award during the 31st International Nursing Research Congress in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates. AfriPEN wholeheartedly congratulates Dr Nyoni on his achievement.



MEMBERSHIP WITH

AFRIPEN

There are two ways of achieving membership with AfriPEN, i.e. institution or individual membership. The **institutional membership fee** will amount to **R1150/\$100** and the **individual membership fee** will amount to **R300/\$20**. Membership may be attained through the AfriPEN website.

Full details and steps on how to become part of AfriPEN will be present on the AfriPEN website (*see contact information*).

INVITATION TO SHARE YOUR STORY

Institutions are welcomed and encouraged to showcase their work in IPE through the AfriPEN newsletters. All photographs and written works (*no more than 100 words*) can be forwarded to the AfriPEN e-mail address. Submissions should be done early, before the start of the new term (three month period). *Next issue due May 2020.*

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